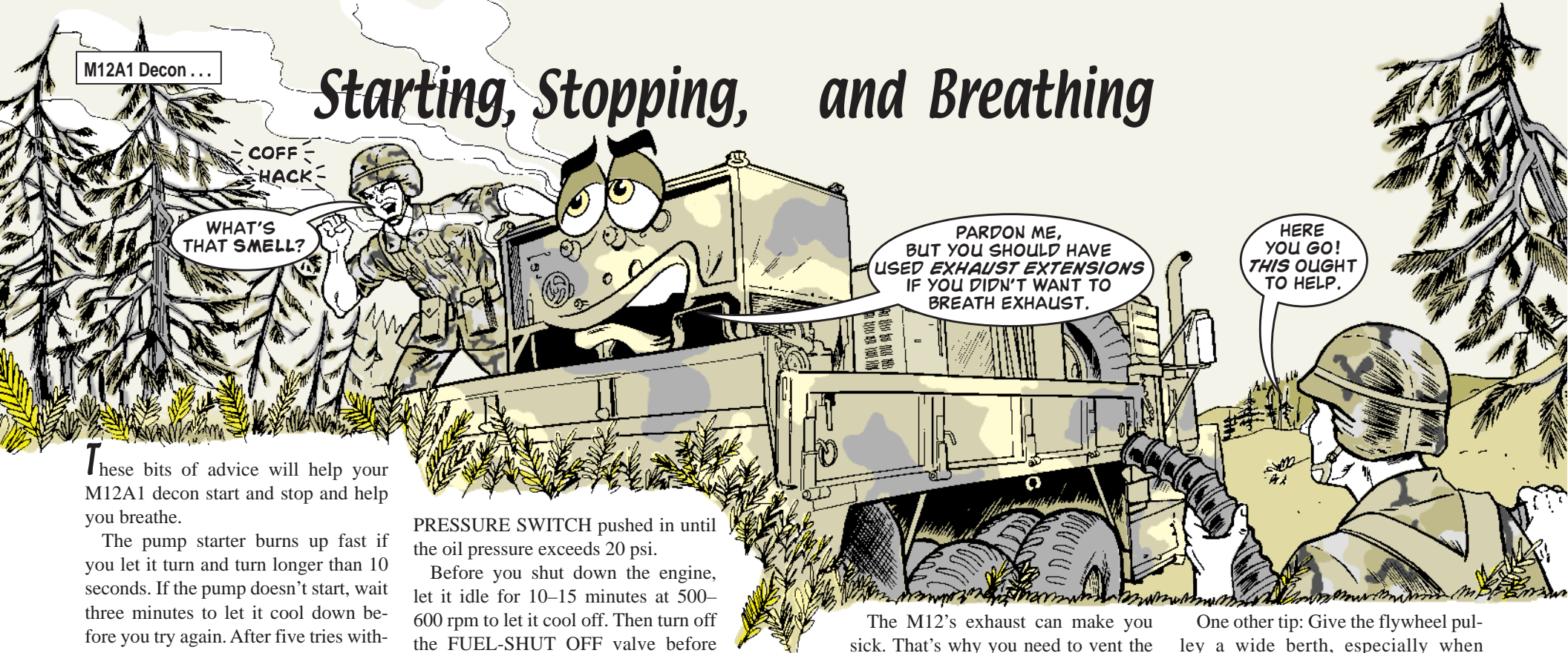


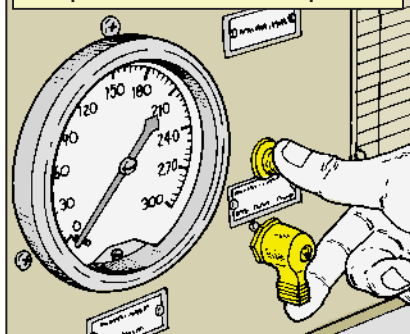
Starting, Stopping, and Breathing



These bits of advice will help your M12A1 decon start and stop and help you breathe.

The pump starter burns up fast if you let it turn and turn longer than 10 seconds. If the pump doesn't start, wait three minutes to let it cool down before you try again. After five tries without success, call your repairman.

Don't turn starter for more than 10 seconds. Hold OIL PRESSURE SWITCH until pressure is more than 20 psi

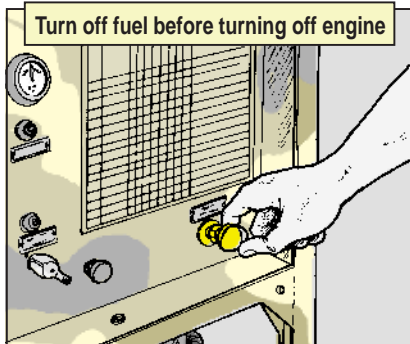


As soon as the engine catches, release the starter but keep the OIL

PRESSURE SWITCH pushed in until the oil pressure exceeds 20 psi.

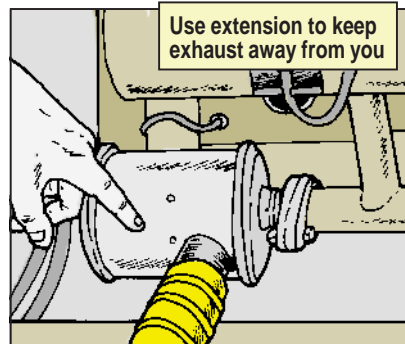
Before you shut down the engine, let it idle for 10–15 minutes at 500–600 rpm to let it cool off. Then turn off the FUEL-SHUT OFF valve before you turn the starter switch to STOP. Otherwise, fuel will run into the carburetor. The next time you crank the engine, it may not start and could even backfire, which is dangerous.

Turn off fuel before turning off engine



The M12's exhaust can make you sick. That's why you need to vent the exhaust away with flexible exhaust extensions, NSN 2990-00-994-0827. Until they come in, a good substitute is the 1 3/4-in diameter extension used in most truck motor pools.

Use extension to keep exhaust away from you



One other tip: Give the flywheel pulley a wide berth, especially when you're wearing protective clothing. The pulley turns at 3,800 rpm. If it catches your pants leg, it'll rip the fabric and then your chemical protection is gone.

Stay away from pulley

